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Notice of Proposed Action Division of Environmental Protection Bureau of Air Quality Planning

The USEPA allows ambient monitor data that have been directly influenced by exceptional meteorological and/or other natural events(e.g., blowing dust from major storms or wildfires) to be "flagged" as "exceptional events" in the national ambient air quality data repository (AQS) and thereby excluded for use in determinations of compliance with National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

Pursuant to the requirements of 40 CFR 50.14(c)(3)(i), the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) is soliciting comments on a proposed exceptional events package for two exceptional events that have caused elevated concentrations of PM10 measured at one air monitor in Pahrump, Nevada in 2009.

Copies of the exceptional events package are available for review beginning Monday, February 13, 2012 on the NDEP Web-site at http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm#air_qp or at the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection office located at 901 S. Stewart Street Carson City, NV.

Interested parties can submit written comments throughout the comment period which will end at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2012. Any comments received will be considered and then forwarded to the USEPA with the final exceptional events package.

Comments should be addressed, faxed, or e-mailed to:
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